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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Randall G. Adams et al.

Application No.: 10/685,343 Examiner: not yet known

Filed: October 14, 2003 Art Unit: 3749

For: VACUUM TREATMENT OF AN INPUT STREAM
WITHOUT RUINING DELICATE OUTPUT FRACTIONS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination, as follows: